

:010 15.621 Asian Elephant Conservation

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Asian Elephant Conservation Act, Public Law 105-96, 111 Stat. 2150, 16 U.S.C. 4261-4266.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To provide financial assistance to any organization or individual responsible for Asian elephant conservation, and any organization or individual with experience in Asian elephant conservation, for approved elephant conservation projects to support research, conservation, management and protection of Asian elephants.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Funds may be used for approved Asian elephant conservation projects. Proposed projects should have the support of the local government(s) and have matching funds (cash) or in-kind support (salaries, equipment, etc.) provided by the organization receiving the grant or other partners.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Projects must provide direct benefits to support research, conservation, management and protection of Asian elephants. Applicants may be any Federal, State, and local government agencies, public or private organizations, non-governmental nonprofit organizations, public and private institutions of higher education, or any other entity.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: Applicants may be any Federal, State, and local government agencies, public or private organizations, non-governmental nonprofit organizations, public and private institutions of higher education, or any other entity with experience in Asian elephant conservation.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: This program is subject to the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-87 for State and local governments; OMB Circular No. A-21 for education institutions; OMB Circular No. A-122 for nonprofit organizations; and Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 31.2 for private firms, individuals, and other nonprofits excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-122.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: None. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

:092 Application Procedure: Submit a request for proposal package, which includes specific information on requirements, to the Chief, OIA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

:093 Award Procedure: The Chief, Office of International Affairs (OIA), will select projects to be funded based on established criteria contained in 16 U.S.C. 4261-4266. A grant agreement between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the grantee is drafted by OIA. The agreement is then submitted to the Office of Contracting and General Services (CGS) for processing. CGS then sends the grant agreement to the grantee for signature. Upon return to CGS, the grant agreement is signed by CGS, and is effective on the date of CGS signature.

:094 Deadlines: None.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Decisions on funding of project proposals must be made no later than 6 months after the receipt of the project proposal.

:096 Appeals: No procedure for appeals.

:097 Renewals: A grant agreement can be modified, extended, or renewed at the discretion of the Chief of OIA and the CGS Contracting Officer.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: To the extent possible, grant funds are matched by nonfederal funds. This program has no statutory formula.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Awarded funds must be spent during the approved Period of Performance of the grant agreement, and in accordance with DOI/FWS financial and reporting procedures.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: Progress and final reports are to be submitted in accordance with terms and conditions of the grant agreement and must all be submitted within the Period of Performance of the grant agreement.

:112 Audits: In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-

133 (Revised, June 24, 1997, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that receive financial assistance of \$300,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

:113 Records: Records for grants awarded to State and Local Governments will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Records for grants awarded to institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart F, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations."

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-1652-0-1-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY 99 \$785,000; FY 00 est \$677,100; and FY 01 est \$970,000.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: Variable amounts. Due to the limited funding available and the desire to support diverse projects, preference will be given to proposals requesting \$50,000 or less; however, higher amounts may be requested.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This is a new program initiated in fiscal year 1999. OIA issued a call for proposals in early fiscal year 1999. The first grants awarded were in December 1999.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: 50 CFR Parts 13, 14, 17, 24, 7 CFR Part 355.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: Not applicable.

:152 Headquarters Office: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Contact: Chief, Office of International Affairs, Room 730, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Telephone: (703)358-1754. Fax: (703)358-2849.

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.619, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation;
15.620, African Elephant Conservation.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Proposals are currently being
reviewed for this new program, but no projects have been funded to date.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Proposals will be reviewed on
the basis of criteria contained in 16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, and evaluated
for scope, significance, feasibility and cost effectiveness.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1056;1456;1556;2056;2156;3656;3856

:330 BENEFICIARIES: 10;14;15;20;21;36;38

:340 FUNCTIONS: QO

:350 CIRCULARS: A87

:500 PUBLIC LAWS: 105**96

:510 STATUTES: 1112150

:520 U.S. CODES: *16*4261**4266

:530 MATCHING REQTS:

:540 GRANTS: 0;485;970

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: NA;NA;NA

:570 DEADLINE DATE:

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

- Fish and wildlife
- wildlife conservation, management
- wildlife information, technical assistance
- wildlife research
- wildlife restoration